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## NEWS

From Here And  
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By Religious News  
Service

New York—Pastors of the United Lutheran Church in America get an average salary of \$4,392 a year, according to a survey conducted by the denomination's Board of Pensions.

Tulsa, Okla.—Purchase of a 175-acre site for a new international headquarters for Evangelist Oral Roberts and his organization was announced here. The reported price was \$250,000.

New York—A new, illustrated edition of the New Testament was published here by the American Bible Society. It is produced by rotogravure in modern "picture book" style and titled, "The Good News."

Buck Hill Falls, Pa.—Premarriage counseling literature will be made available by the Church in America to its young people.

New York—Dr. Paul J. Tillich of Union Theological Seminary, said here that "average preaching" is failing to help millions of people who hunger for a meaning in life.

Hong Kong—An Indian trade unionist said here he was unable to attend a church service during the two weeks he spent recently in Red China.

## Over 2000 Expected At State Training Union Convention

2000 people are expected to attend the State Training Union Convention scheduled to be held at the First Church in Jackson, Friday, June 24, it has been revealed by Kermit S. King, state Training Union secretary.

An attractive program has been planned, to include inspirational messages, departmental conferences, state finals in the young people's speaking tournament, and intermediate sword drill, inspiring music and fellowship.

Presiding will be Bryant Cummings, convention president, of Brookhaven.

The principal visiting inspira-

### State Baptists Give \$170,740 To Lottie Moon

RICHMOND, Va. — (BP) — The Foreign Mission Board office here reported that Southern Baptists in 1954 gave \$3,957,821 in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is almost 10 per cent greater than 1953.

The offering in '53 amounted to \$3,602,554, showing a 12-month increase for 1954 of \$355,266.

Baptists in Mississippi contributed \$170,740, compared with \$152,019 in 1953, placing the state ninth among those cooperating with the Convention.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is one of two special offerings taken each year for missions by the Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary.

### Demonstration at Carthage —

## John Wells To Direct Model Program

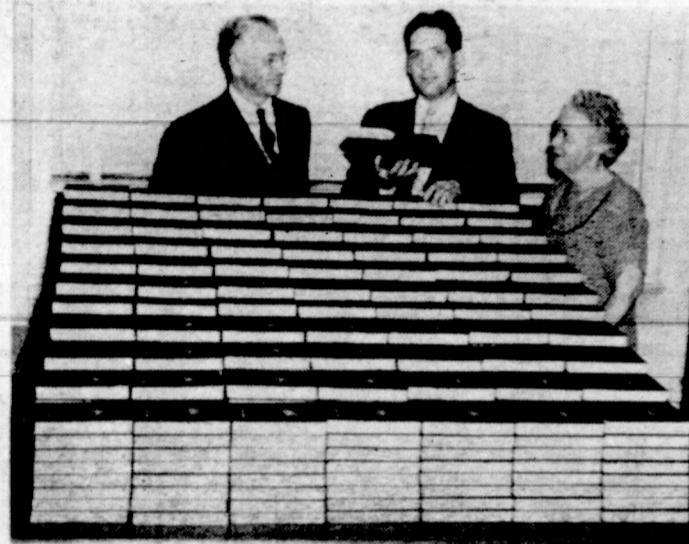
A demonstration Church Survey Program, under direction of Rev. John W. Wells, will be conducted at the Carthage Church,

June 21-July 1, it has been announced by Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Rural Church Work secretary whose department is sponsoring the event.

Pastors and others interested are expected to visit the model program to be conducted by Mr. Wells, field secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Assisting will be Rev. Troy Prince, the pastor, along with four associational superintendents of missions: Rev. Lester

## 100,000 Bibles To Bible-less Homes Is 3-Year Objective



100,000 Bibles to as many Mississippi bible-less Negro homes in three years is the gigantic objective of the Negro Work Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. W. A. Keel, secretary.

Started as a dream tempered with faith early in 1954, the success of the venture is now practically assured, due in part to the cooperation of two other groups.

24,000 Bibles have already been distributed to Bible-less homes and there are 8,000 on hand ready for immediate distribution.

This project was declared to be the biggest of its kind undertaken in the United States last year.

In the accompanying picture is Dr. Keel, left, standing in front of the first one-thousand of the Scriptures, discussing the project with Rev. Vernon Jones, field secretary of the World Home Bible League, Chicago, the agency providing the Bibles, and Miss Edwina Rob.

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## Kansas City Reports 4,900 Rooms Ready

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP)

— With an eye already peeled toward the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention session here May 30-June 2, officials here reported there are 4,900 first class hotel and motel rooms available.

According to Conrad R. W. Iard, local chairman, only 3,309 rooms were used by persons attending the 1954 Convention in St. Louis, Mo. Therefore, he said, he considers Kansas City's room supply sufficient.

The local committee said the following procedure will be used for the 1956 Convention:

1. All hotel reservations for the Convention will be handled through the convention bureau of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

2. A list of hotels and an application form will be printed simultaneously in all Baptist state papers in September.

3. No hotel reservations will be confirmed before November 15.



Dr. Nathan C. Brooks

H. Leo Eddleman, president Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, pastor First Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Out-of-state conference leaders will include Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Rogers, Atlanta, Ga.; Philip B. Harris, Fort Worth, Texas and Miss Ethel McIndoo, Shreveport. In addition there will be several outstanding state leaders.

"Be Strong In the Lord" will be the theme with Cecil McGee, Shreveport, leading the music.

The convention will open at 9:30 a. m. and adjourn at 9:30 p. m.

## Rivers, Duck Clarke College Grad Speakers

Dorris W. Rivers, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Mississippi State College, brought the commencement address to the 84 graduates at Clarke Memorial College Thursday evening, May 26. This is the largest class ever to graduate from Clarke.

On Wednesday evening, May 25, Rev. Carl Duck, formerly of Morton; now of Batesville, brought the commencement sermon in the First Church, Newton.

Following the sermon, a reception for the graduates and their friends was held on the lawn of the President's home.

Annual awards were announced by President Compere at the commencement exercises. The White Award went to Miss Edith Taylor, of Grenada, first place, and Miss Minnie Alice Ogletree, of Winter Garden, Florida, second place. This award is given each year in memory of Mr. Lewis G. White to the most outstanding students in the Speech Department, and consists of a \$50.00 and a \$25 scholarship to first and second place winners respectively, the scholarships to apply on the students' tuition for next year.

Two new awards were initiated this year. The L. A. Roebuck Award will be given

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## 100,000 Bibles . . .

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inson, executive secretary of the State Baptist W.M.U., the organization that accepted the task of distributing the Scriptures.

The first Bible was presented to the Frank Travin home in Clinton on October 6, 1954 at high noon. Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, state W. M. U. community missions chairman made the presentation.

Others present were the Rev. Mr. Jones, Dr. Keel, Mrs. R. H. Young, Jackson, district W. M. U. chairman.

## Interesting Background

The mammoth Bible distribution program is only one of the channels of service of the Negro Work Department.

Dr. Keel, the secretary, has always been instrumental in distributing Bibles. He came to his present department work with eight Bibles for distribution.

His dream was 100,000. His only problem was where to get the other 99,992. After much prayer and faith and many inquiries he was led to the World Home Bible League, Chicago. Wm. Ackerman, director.

After several conferences the League agreed to provide the 100,000 copies within three years at no cost to the Department. The Bibles will cost \$1.00 each however, indicating the faith the League has in the project.

The League is supported by public gifts and the Department has already shown its appreciation by making a small initial gift to the League to carry on its work.

The League's chief work is the distribution of Bibles to needy persons on a gift basis. It cannot sell them. The League, while independent and non-denominational in its ministry, is directed by the Dutch Reformed Presbyterian Church.

## Distribution Important

One of the biggest operations of the project is the distribution and the Scriptures and the W. M. U. gladly accepted this assignment.

They are seeking out the Bible-less homes and appropriately distributing them.

Just recently the World Home Bible League presented Dr. Keel a handsome golden bound Bible in appreciation of the efficiency of the Department as an outlet for the distribution of so many Bibles.

It has been estimated that one-sixth of America's 15,000,000 Negroes live within a 250 mile radius of Jackson.

While the program is designed for Negro homes, it was pointed out that any Bible-less white home so requesting a Bible would receive one.

All distribution of Bibles is

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

## Prodigal Son

Question: Our teen-age son has everything I thought it took to be a good boy and a child of God. A few months ago he started going with a bad girl. We have known the family for many years and they do not try to live right.

Now our boy tells us that he has done wrong and a baby is to be born. Should we talk with the mother and girl about this? Or with the girl alone?

Answer: I hardly know where you should start on this problem. But of one thing I am sure, this affair between your son and this girl is not the basis for a sound marriage.

But your son has some great moral and economic responsibility in this matter. Girls do not seduce boys. And vice-versa usually. Your son should bear his share of the reproach for this mistake.

Usually such matters are handled by the girl's going away to some home for unmarried mothers and, then, when the baby is born giving it away for adoption. This plan has many problems connected with it, but it is one of the ways that such matters are cared for.

Your son needs all of the help he can get. He needs your love. But he also needs your guidance in becoming a man. He must take his medicine. Maybe next time he will remember that sin does not pay.

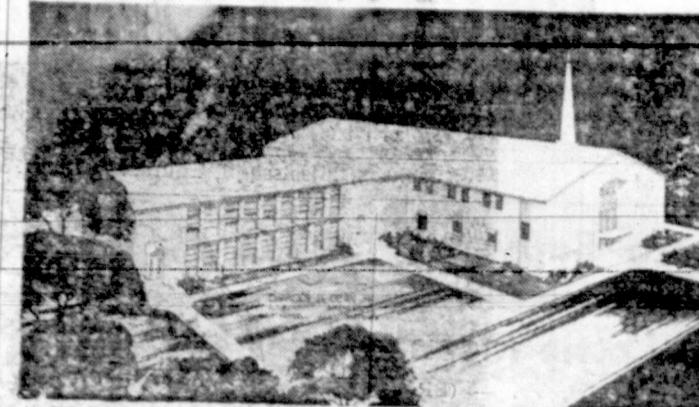
But Christ would help these young people to build their lives on a better foundation. The pharisees will wish to stone them — they are still with us. If you pray and act with courage

done by the W. M. U.'s in the local churches and those requesting Bibles are urged to contact the nearest W. M. U. Department or Negro Work Department.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state executive secretary, declared before leaving for the Baptist World Alliance, that the Negro Work Department of the Convention Board was one of the most distinctive in any of the 22 state conventions.

Several of the other state conventions have been studying the Mississippi Convention Ministry to the Negroes with a view to starting similar work.

## Ridgecrest Church To Add Unit



The Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, voted Sunday, June 12, to award a contract for its second unit in its long range building program. The cost of this unit is \$170,700. The entire plan will be fully air conditioned, and when finished the church

in worship and 731 in Sunday School. The auditorium and another educational unit will be the third phase of the building program.

The Church was organized Dec. 20, 1953. Rev. Fred Tarpay is the pastor.

## Rivers, Duck . . .

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each year by Hon. S. T. Roebuck, Attorney of Newton, in memory of his father, Rev. L. A. Roebuck, pioneer preacher in East Mississippi. The award consists of \$25 worth of books to be given to the one selected by the faculty as the best all-round ministerial student in the graduating class. This year it went to Rev. Joseph Blackwell, of Kosciusko.

President Compere announced that Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Richardson, of Thomasville, Georgia, have completed the establishment of a \$1,000 endowment fund for a scholarship at Clarke College in memory of their son, Jack C. Richardson, who lost his life in the service of our country in World War II. The scholarship will be awarded each year to the ministerial student of the freshman class who has made the most progress during the year, according to a vote of the faculty. It will be applied on the next year's tuition for the one selected.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints spent \$48,887,823 in 1954 from its general funds, including \$27,771,705 for building construction, repair, and equipment, it reported at its 125th annual conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was also reported there were 1,302,240 members as of December 31, 1954, an increase of 55,878 during the year. The church has 10,814 missionaries and expended \$7,120,000 for missionary work from general funds.

age, you will find the way of truth and justice.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

## Southern Seminary To Have New Dean

Dr. Allen W. Graves, pastor of Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla., has announced his acceptance of the position of dean-elect of the School of Religious Education of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Pastor of the Tulsa church since 1950, Dr. Graves formerly served churches in Fort Pierce, Fla., and Charlottesville, Va. He received the Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Seminary in 1942, and was for two years secretary for young people's work for the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.



Dr. Allen W. Graves

The new dean-elect is scheduled to succeed Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins next year as dean of Southern Seminary's School of Religious Education. Dr. Dobbins, veteran of 35 years as professor at Southern Seminary, has been dean of the School since its organization in 1953. After next year he will devote his full time to teaching and writing.

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Miss Sylvia Green of Crystal Springs has accepted the position of Secretary and organist of First Church, Gulfport, and will begin her work about July 1. Miss Green is a recent graduate of Mississippi State College for Women.

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## Father's Day Should Be Remembered

Mother's Day was properly and fittingly observed on May 8 and now we suggest that Father's Day should likewise be observed June 19.

When we think of the importance of Mother we naturally think of her in terms of being a Christian Mother.

The same is true of father and his important position. The first celebration of Father's Day was held in Spokane, Washington on the third Sunday in June, 1910.

The observance has fittingly grown until it has become nationwide in scope.

The position of Dad is important in so many ways; however, we are thinking right here of his position as a co-homemaker with the mother and his Bible-placed position as head of the home.

Christian Home Week was appropriately observed May 1-8, just prior to both Mother's Day and Father's Day.

A Christian father and mother can join together and form a Christian home. As children join the group they can take their places of responsibility in the keeping of the home Christian.

Nothing is needed perhaps more today than Christian homes. We like to remember the words of Joshua of old, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

As we observe Father's Day let us think of the importance and place of a Christian father in the home.

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## Promote Your Colleges

In a few weeks it will be commencement time at the Mississippi Baptist colleges, namely Mississippi College, Blue Mountain College, William Carey College, and Clarke College.

That means an exodus of those who graduate, as well as some others who will not return for various reasons. Next fall, as well as this summer, a new term will start.

Thousands of fine Mississippi boys and girls will graduate from our high schools and many of them will go on to college or university.

We are making a plea to our Baptist constituency to try to induce these young people to patronize our Baptist schools. Parents could do this; words from a Sunday School teacher are often helpful; and certainly our pastors can have a place in such a plan.

Remind them that our Baptist schools offer EDUCATION PLUS. In other words, they can study mathematics or any other subjects at our Baptist schools and it will be as well-taught as at other schools. And in addition there will be that Christian influence and that Christian teaching that pervades the campus and will send most of them back into Mississippi cities and communities well-grounded in the faith and prepared to take leading parts in our denomination in the years to come.

In some states, the church scholarship plan is being promoted. To

# The Saviour



Descriptions of Jesus Christ exist, but of actual portraits made of Him during His lifetime, there are none.

His divine characteristics have often been portrayed in pictures. In each of these we have the artists' conception of the Man, and this varies according to the artist. Thousands of pictures have been painted of Our Lord, each with one dominant thought in mind; to express the great qualities that made Jesus stand out above and beyond all others.

Ralph Coleman's portrait of The Saviour, shown above, is a full face picture showing His great internal strength; understanding; dispassionate judgment; warmth; tolerance; and Godly sensitively. Divine Grace mantles His magnificent brow; human judgment, His mouth. His eyes mirror pathos and

sympathy; patience and solace. His attitude, as Coleman has painted it, indicates keen interest and the brilliant mind that He brought to bear on every subject that came under His consideration. One might well imagine that across the table from His is one seeking help; advice; comfort.

The Spiritual Grace with which He was endowed, the uncompromising strength, the vigor, the manliness, the authority with which He speaks sets Him apart and gives one a soul-satisfying sense of His infinite love for, and faith in, mankind. The radiant beauty of His face depicts the glorious qualities He possessed. Coleman seems to have caught them all in this extraordinary picture of The Saviour.

It sinks into the heart. It stirs the soul.

## A PLEA FOR CHANGE OF NAME

By Bruce H. Price

The use of the term "southwide" in reference to the "nationwide" Southern Baptist Convention is deplored by Dr. C. E. Wilbanks of Mississippi in the Baptist Record. He continues, "Southwide" cannot describe our territory with state conventions in 23 states, Home Mission Board work in 37 states, and one or more Southern Baptist churches in each state of the Union." Dr. Wilbanks makes this plea, "Brethren, we have enlarged our borders. Dare we enlarge our vocabulary?" Three names are suggested, "Continent-wide," "United States-wide," and "Convention-wide." The last comes as my first choice.

us it seems a fine idea. The church provides one or more scholarships for use by some member of the church.

Perhaps there are others, but we do know that the Second Church of Greenville, Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor, uses this plan to lead young people toward our denominational schools.

If the Baptist churches of Mississippi will provide one or more scholarships it will greatly help our institutions financially and numerically.

It will also provide many more Baptist-trained leaders in the days to come.

Let's promote our own colleges.

Editor W. Barry Garrett of the Arizona Baptist agrees that we should stop using "Southwide" in preference to our boards and agencies, and puts his finger on the heart of the problem by asking, "How are we going to get "Southwide" out of our thinking when we continue to call our convention 'Southern'?"

The spreading of the convention over the West and North leads the editor to assert, "We are just fooling ourselves when we think we have a 'Southern' Baptist Convention."

The only answer is in a new name.

For several years some have felt a need of a more appropriate name for our rapidly expanding denomination. Considering the present boundaries of our habitation "Baptist World Convention" would not be a bad name, but this would be confusing with the World Alliance.

Some of the other 24 Baptist denominations in the United States have selected names, a few of which might be desirable of our use. This limits our choice.

Among the names already taken by Baptist groups I shall mention: American, North American, National, Union, and General.

This leaves two appropriate names which come to my mind. I suppose both have been suggested previously. Reference is made to "United Baptist Convention," and "Cooperative Baptist Convention"; and the most fitting of these is "Cooperative."

"Cooperative" makes no reference to territory. It was the desire of churches to cooperate in mission work which united Baptists in the Triennial Convention during 1814 from which the churches of the South withdrew in 1845 to organize the Southern Baptist Convention. It is the desire to cooperate in mission work with us which leads some Baptist churches from many sections of the nation and a few outside the continental limits to ask for our fellowship. The Cooperative Program describes the method we use in supporting our agencies and institutions. The name "Cooperative Baptist Convention" describes our attitude, fellowship, and unity in effort without mentioning territory.

We are Cooperative Baptists. Why not accept the name?

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have many read it.

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MISS ALEXINE GIBSON

On June 1, Miss Alexine Gibson became an associate in the Sunday School Department, succeeding Miss Jacqueline Hewitt. We are very fortunate indeed in having this capable lady as a permanent member of our Department. Several years ago, when there was a vacancy, we tried to get her but she did not feel led to come. Now the Lord has sent her our way and we are most grateful.

For nine years she was the fine and efficient church secre-

tary of the First Baptist Church of McComb, Miss. Before that time, however, she was an active worker in that church, serving for several years as the superintendent of one of the departments in the Sunday school, and had a Standard department. She has also served most effectively for several years as the associational Vacation Bible School leader. She comes to us well qualified for this field of service and Mississippi Baptists will be delighted with her and her work. We welcome her to this place.

### Missions and Vacation Bible Schools

Last year we reached almost 14,000 boys and girls in our Vacation Bible Schools in our state that were not reached in any way by any church. This year the story will be the same. We will find literally thousands of boys and girls, by the registration cards in VBS, not touched by any church.

What can be done? The best thing to do is follow up this information from these cards and go to their homes and try to enrol them in our Sunday Schools. Give their names to

the departments and classes that should have them and then go after them. As we do this we will find thousands of parents not touched by our church es. This will be one of our most fruitful evangelistic opportuni ties in the next few months. To go after them will give our church a challenge. It will put us into the mission business in a big way. It will mean we will reach thousands for Christ.

### Have a Mission Vacation Bible School

How? Look all about and see if there are boys and girls that need to be taught the Word of God, to be won to Christ. We will find thousands of them in our state if we look closely.

Then set a week, get some workers, go to the place where the children live. Find an old store building, some place, may be under a tree, have a Vacation Bible School. Many children will not be provided one chance to know about Jesus unless some of us go. It will be a fine mission project for summer for your Sunday School, for our fine college students to invest their fine talents of leadership. Surely, many churches could find a time, a place, the children. How can they hear and know without our help?

We get results with a Vacation Bible School. A good one put on by workers that reach

out for these churchless and lost children will mean this summer we can win ten thousand or more of them to Christ and the church.

### Will it be—Slump or Jump?

It is good that we do not talk about summer slump in our churches as we did once upon a time. It is getting hotter and hotter. In the next few months it will be hot and hotter. Many people will take vacations. Many people will need to be encouraged. Many people actually wax cold in hot weather about things spiritual. Verily the temptation to slump hangs around all summer.

We want to talk about the things that will make us jump and grow instead of saying so much about this matter of slumping. We believe the four things to follow will give us a boost to grow all through the summertime.

**First, Make the Worker's Meetings good.** The weekly or monthly meeting can be so good our workers will get help and challenge. **The Builder** will give us help. **Secondly, Many churches ought to make every possible effort to get some of its key workers to Ridgecrest for one of the Sunday School weeks.** Ridgecrest is inspiration and it certainly is informing and training at its best.

**Third, Seek people.** Last year in Vacation Bible Schools we found 14,000 boys and girls not

## Big Springs To Observe Homecoming On 50th Anniversary

Big Springs Church (Lincoln County) will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 19, in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the church.

Rev. H. R. Holcomb, pastor of First Church, Tupelo, helped to organize the church and served as its first pastor.

The only charter member yet living is Mrs. Henderson Smith, 920 Inge Street, Jackson.

Rev. James S. Scarborough, Clinton, is the pastor.

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in any church program anywhere. Each one of these children will represent from one to five adults out there in the homes. It was said of Jesus, that when He saw the multitudes He had compassion. To see by the tens of thousands without Christ and lost will do very much in getting us out of the slump. It will move us to do and be at our best.

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**Sparks & Splinters**

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: D. C. Kilpatrick, Jackson; L. R. Smith, State Line; Olyn Roberts, Louisville; Rev. W. P. Blair, Laurel; Mel C. Craft, Jayess; Mrs. James L. Pierce, Jackson; Audrey Berry, Jackson; Carolyn Floyd, Jackson; John Merritt, Chicora; Rev. James P. Gilbert, Clara; Kenneth Pope, Jackson; Fay Touchstone, Jackson.

Rev. H. H. Ward is now serving the Attala Association and the Leake Association as superintendent of missions. His work began in Leake County on the first of May.

The First Church, Senatobia, on May 22, in a special service, uniquely observed the birthday of Pastor Clyde Martin. Special recognition was given to the pastor and his leadership, especially among the young people and in the field of recreation, and an offering was received to be used in further development of the church's recreational grounds.

Rev. Gordon Sansing, pastor of the Broadmoor Church, Jackson was notified Monday of his appointment as international chaplain for the Civitan Club. He said he was informed of his appointment by Civitan national president-elect R. Clarence Williams of Anniston, Ala. Rev. Sansing succeeds the Rev. Russell H. Stafford of Hartford, Conn.

Dr. Harold W. Seever, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., has been named "Baptist Hour" speaker for the summer series, July 3-September 25.

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Additional persons planning to attend the Baptist World Alliance in London include: Miss Edith Alexander, Itta Bena; Miss Sarah Ann Bullock, Greenville; Mr. J. R. Dudley, Jr., Scooba; Rev. Carliss Evans, Jr., Meridian; Miss Mary Hix, Mississippi College; Miss Betty Jo Runnels, Pascagoula.

The total registration at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, May 18-21, was 10,837, instead of 11,061 as formerly reported, according to Joe W. Burton, a secretary of the Convention. Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia were represented at the Convention. Florida led in attendance with 1,273; North Carolina was second with 1,202, and Texas, third, with 1,003.

According to a recent report from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Program receipts in January-May, 1955 in Mississippi amounted to \$250,259.70 and during the same \$235,866.45. For designated gifts during January-May, 1955 Mississippians gave \$243,804.67 and in 1954 during the same period gave \$237,032.29.

Baptist history is in the making this week as the new Crestridge Camp for Girls officially opens at Ridgecrest. Several hundred visitors attended "open house" Sunday afternoon and expressed appreciation for this new service to Southern Baptists.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Harold O'Chester, Biloxi; Willie Clyde Allen, Rodney D. Lawrence, Rickard L. Lawrence, Goshen Springs; Buster Meek, Morton; Wm. Glenn Martin, Billy C. Franklin, David M. Boyd, Sand Hill; Rosie Ella Herrod, Ludlow; Carolyn Bates, Goshen Springs; Carol Lomax, Sand Hill; Elizabeth A. Herrod, Ludlow; Dot Harrell, Goshen Springs; Mary E. Quinn, Sand Hill; Jo-Faye Denison, Ludlow; Lindrith D. Jones, Sand Hill; Rebecca K. Grisson, Brandon; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Howe, Jr., Goshen Springs; Mrs. Thelma Martin, Goshen Springs.

Indications are that more than 300,000 people united with Southern Baptist churches during the recent Simultaneous Revival Crusade. More than 200,000 of these came for baptism. There were thousands of others who made professions of faith in Christ. Tens of thousands of rededications were registered, and many young people made decisions for special service. Some 22,000 churches participated in this campaign.

Attention is called to the sixth annual Audio-Visual Workshop to be held at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, June 20-24. Those desiring reservations should contact Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, Box 6173, Fort Worth.

**50, 40 and 25 Years Ago**

By J. L. BOYD Sr.

**50 Years Ago**

The Church at Greenville closed a very successful revival meeting resulting in twenty accessions and "many others are almost ripe for gathering into the Kingdom". Pastor Wm. A. Borum was assisted by Rev. C. V. Edwards of New Orleans.

At the close of the commencement exercises of Blue Mountain College, Evangelist T. T. Martin and Miss Ivey Manning, teacher of Latin, were married, President W. T. Lowrey, officiating.

Rev. E. D. Solon, of McComb did the preaching during the revival meeting in the Summit Baptist Church which resulted in eight additions by baptism and five by letter and \$5,000 raised toward the building of a new brick house of worship, Rev. I. H. Anding, pastor.

The Water Valley Baptist Church closed a two-week's meeting in which 50 persons joined the Baptist Church (many others joined other churches). Pastor J. L. Low was assisted by Rev. E. L. Wesson of Sardis.

**40 Years Ago**

There were seventeen additions to the membership of the Webb Baptist Church from a meeting of ten days in which Pastor J. E. White was assisted by Rev. W. R. Cooper doing the preaching and Rev. John F. Measells leading the singing. J. E. Williams, reporting.

**25 Years Ago**

There were eighteen accession to the Philip Baptist Church during a week's meeting in which Pastor W. E. Lee was assisted by Rev. C. T. Johnston.

Pastor W. L. Holcomb had with him Evangelist W. R. Storie in a meeting of days at the Pioneer Baptist Church, Wilkinson County, which resulted in eight accessions to the church.

In the Tithing Story Contest of the Womans Missionary Union the following persons received the highest awards: Sunbeam Dorothy Brock, First Church, McComb; Royal Ambassador Loubet Clay Boyd, First Church, McComb; G. A. Ruth Lenoir, First Church, McComb; Y. W. A. Rivers McFadden (address not given).

Friends of Rev. Lincoln Newman, Lucedale, area missionary, will be glad to learn that he is expected home soon from a Birmingham hospital where he has been confined recently.

**Cooperative Program Gifts Close To Five Million Mark**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Gifts this year through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist Convention work have neared the five million dollar mark, the May financial statement showed.

According to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, the Cooperative Program total for 1955 through May was \$4,966,495.

This is \$209,362 more than had come in through May, 1954, despite a slight drop in the monthly receipts for May compared with the figure for the same month a year ago.

In May, 1954, Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,100,584. Last month, they were \$1,079,213. Coupled with receipts from designated offerings, the May, 1955, total was \$1,882,149.

The total Cooperative Program gifts and specially-designed offerings through May this year was \$10,526,641, nearly six per cent higher than 1954.

Contributions from Mississippi were \$93,536, including \$52,735 through the Cooperative Program and \$40,800 through designations.

**Winona Revivalist**

Rev. Chester Molpus

Rev. Chester Molpus, pastor First Church, Belzoni, will be the evangelist for the revival at First Church, Winona, Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor, June 19-26.

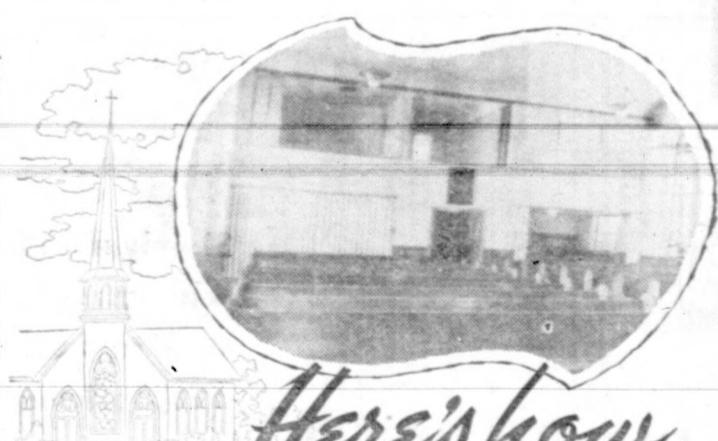
Rev. Gordon Sather, Winona, superintendent of missions for Carroll - Montgomery associations, will lead the music.

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80.15	(Continued from Page 8)	Saltillo	55.00	Ackerman	239.63	Mathiston	19.10	Walnut Grove	70.00	
12.53	Kilmichael	33.00	Shannon	42.00	Blythe Creek	10.10	<b>NESHOBIA</b>			
21.20	Milligan Springs	13.00	Serman	150.45	Concord	47.60	Bethsaida	3.00		
25.55	Scotland	27.98	<b>TUPELO</b>		Fellowship	20.50	Bond (New Hope)	26.25		
168.01	Winona	184.60	Calvary	699.70	French Camp	8.00	Coldwater	30.00		
65.55		East	31.62	Weir	41.06	<b>DISTRICT VI</b>				
15.00	<b>PANOLA</b>	First	300.00	<b>CLAY</b>		<b>CLARKE</b>		Deemer	9.50	
132.00	Batesville	Harrisburg	189.78	Pheba	13.60	DeSoto	25.00	Hope	16.00	
27.48	Calvary	7.79	Parkway	37.76	Siloam	27.95	Enterprise	66.10	Laurel Hill	10.73
16.76	First	325.39	Second	3.00	<b>West Point</b>		Harmony	30.78	Mt. Nelson	40.40
110.79	Como	138.00	Verona	36.00	Calvary	32.20	Oak Grove	7.50	Neshoba	16.40
549.25	Courtland	7.75	Individual gift	25.00	First	712.46	Pachuta	42.77	New Bethel	5.25
11.50	Crenshaw	35.00	Brewer	20.00	West End	8.50	Pine Grove	20.00	New Harmony	20.50
52.00	Enon	43.00	<b>MONROE</b>				Pine Hill	7.75	Ocoba	7.25
181.92	Good Hope	28.00	Aberdeen	379.35	<b>RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT</b>		<b>Philadelphia</b>		<b>Philadelphia</b>	
180.58	Hebron	26.00	Amory	310.92			Beacon	21.15		
600.00	Liberty	7.76	Becker	18.00			Quitman, First	245.56		
16.74	McIvor	54.00	Calvary	10.00			Rolling Creek	7.27		
.90	Peach Creek	38.95	Center Hill	10.00			Shubuta	61.20		
15.00	Pilgrims Rest	11.80	Central Grove	15.00			Sovenlovie	11.00		
6.00	Pope	23.00	New Prospect	20.25			Stonewall	56.51		
II	Sardis, First	83.00	Smithville	10.00			Union	39.25	<b>NEW CHOCTAW</b>	
15.00	<b>TALLAHATCHIE</b>		<b>PONTOTOC</b>					Hopewell	10.90	
33.50	Cascilla	3.06	Cherry Creek	56.85				Bethany	2.00	
7.15	Charleston	400.00	Ecrus	89.79				Macedonia	2.90	
105.97	Cowart	27.00	Emmanuel	35.00				Calvary	6.26	
220.16	<b>TATE</b>	Friendship No. 2	5.42	Endville	27.00			Pine Bluff	2.68	
50.00	Arkabulta	41.48	<b>LOWNDES</b>					Canaan	5.70	
27.55	Central (Coldwater)	90.10	Friendship	9.79				Bogue Chitto	3.82	
21.50	Evansville	26.36	Harmony	2.80				<b>NEWTON</b>		
any) 70.00	Flag Lake	5.64	Liberty	7.50				Bethel	23.00	
90.25	Hickory Grove	15.50	Locust Hill	14.00				Chunky	40.00	
18.00	Looxahoma	24.00	<b>PRENTISS</b>					Decatur	70.45	
6.00	Mt. Zion	41.85	<b>Booneville</b>					Duffee	10.00	
4.12	New Hope	21.00	East Side	18.65				Hickory	120.80	
10.55	Senatobia	236.29	First	228.20				Liberty	16.00	
64.05	Strayhorn	10.00	Wheeler	30.00				Midway	19.30	
25.00	Wayatte	44.10	<b>TIPPAH</b>					Mt. Vernon	7.40	
YALOBUSHA	Coffeeville	66.91	Blue Mountain	685.40				New Ireland	3.50	
16.00	Oakland	11.50	Chalybeate	75.12				Newton - First	514.12	
10.00	Water Valley	170.35	Harmony	10.20				Union	277.03	
286.09	Haven Hill	2.50	Palmer	11.80				Clarke College YWA	17.37	
37.57			Ripley	142.27				East Central YWA	5.00	
3.70			Walnut	42.00				<b>SCOTT</b>		
9.08	<b>DISTRICT IV</b>		<b>TISHOMINGO</b>					Branch	7.25	
40.83	<b>ALCORN</b>	Corinth	Burnsville	16.00				Cash	6.40	
36.68	East	5.90	Iuka	90.04				Clifton	6.35	
9.50	First	268.59	New Prospect	15.00				Forest	182.16	
	South	17.55	Paden	17.60				Forkville-Bethlehem	35.00	
	Tate St.	27.75	Tishomingo	9.00				Good Hope	3.25	
680.30	West	81.35	Highland	10.00				Harperville	34.00	
38.30	Hinkle Creek	21.30	<b>UNION</b>					Hillsboro	13.50	
21.90	Kossuth	16.00	Glenfield	7.00				Jerusalem-Ludlow	16.80	
25.00	Rienzi	12.50	Ingomar	75.74				Lake	61.84	
13.50	Shiloh	16.75	Jericho	15.00				Liberty	16.68	
7.50	Wheeler Grove	9.60	Myrtle	65.60				Morton	73.19	
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14.35	<b>CHICKASAW</b>	First	475.50	New Albany				Sand Ridge	5.75	
30.00	Bethel	44.00	Nortside Mission	13.02				Springfield	19.25	
246.75	Houlka	48.25	New Prospect	29.61				Two Mile	4.00	
71.19	Houston	163.10	Wallerive	17.50				Mt. Olivet	4.00	
17.40	Mt. Olive Community	8.60	<b>DISTRICT V</b>					<b>SMITH</b>		
17.05	Okolona	224.07	<b>ATTALA</b>					Beulah	7.50	
11.80	Union Chapel	49.00	Bear Creek	10.00				Burns	4.45	
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85.50	Fulton (Trinity)	18.00	Hurrican	35.00				Sylvarena	19.00	
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46.06	Camp Creek	17.60	McCool	13.68				Cold Springs	25.00	
15.05	Guntown	52.07	Sallis	49.25				Collins	109.50	
14.00	Nettleton	24.75	Springdale	18.70				Mt. Horeb	5.65	
8.05	Plantersville	51.00	Unity	10.00				Mt. Olive	50.00	
ge 9)	Pleasant Hill	5.00	Williamsville	39.90				New Hope	20.00	
	Priceville	6.00	Yeekanokangy	6.55				Ora	10.00	
	Jerusalem	6.00	Fellowship	14.50				Salem	93.00	
								Seminary	8.75	
								Williamsburg	5.00	
								Rock Hill	10.00	
								<b>GEORGE</b>		
								Agricola	33.00	
								Barton	42.45	
								Lucedale	268.00	
								Rocky Creek	88.77	
								Shady Grove	18.00	
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**Home Mission . . .**  
(Continued from Page 9)**GREENE**

Cedar Grove 20.69

Fellowship 6.50

Leakesville 98.30

McLain 37.54

Pine Level 15.00

Unity 8.00

Sand Hill 10.00

**GULFCOAST**

Bay St. Louis 298.75

Big Ridge 30.00

**Biloxi**

East Howard 44.05

First 286.17

Immanuel 23.66

Trinity 172.11

**Gulfport**

Bowen Mem. (Fern'd) 22.10

Broadmoor 39.80

Calvary Mission 5.00

First 533.84

Grace Memorial 134.95

Gulfport Heights 18.42

West Gulfport 9.00

**Handsboro** 38.41

Long Beach 55.10

Lyman 6.00

McHenry 6.75

New Hope 21.00

Pass Christian 52.00

Perkinston 18.84

Woolmarket 5.00

**JACKSON**

Bellefontaine 33.50

Eskatawpa 14.15

Friendship 15.60

Hurley 2.90

Immanuel 6.50

Kreole 11.90

**Moss Point**

East 59.30

First 162.41

Ocean Springs 152.95

**Pascagoula**

Eastlawn 23.87

East Side 20.75

First 612.61

Riverside 29.63

Unity 10.00

Van Cleve 8.60

Red Creek 10.00

**JONES**

Bethlehem 14.34

Ellisville 7.05

Calvary First 186.16

West 17.00

Eastview 73.52

Emmanuel 3.00

Fairfield 7.40

Harmony 43.26

Hebron 7.86

Hillcrest 7.83

Indian Springs 15.17

**Laurel**

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First 1122.34

Highland 111.78

Joe Wheeler 30.50

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South 15.25

West 39.00

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Moselle 6.00

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Beulah 20.00

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First 309.7

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19th Avenue 23.39

River Avenue 10.00

28th Avenue 4.75

38th Avenue 11.25

Lakeview 28.50

Temple 118.40

Lumberton 107.03

McLaurin 25.00

Macedonia 19.30

**Petal**

First 83.10

Harvey 104.45

Temple 23.20

**Providence** 34.86**Rawls Springs** 26.63

Wiggins 93.00

Zion Hill 29.00

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Carriere 29.54

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Good Year 11.00

Harmony 5.00

Juniper Grove 25.54

New Palestine 66.90

Nicholson 17.07

Oak Hill 69.26

Ozona 3.50

Picayune 272.55

Pine Grove 26.00

**Poplarville**

First 86.61

West 17.00

Roseland Park 52.75

Santa Rosa 27.00

Spring Hill 10.00

West Union 5.00

White Sand 10.00

Zion Hill 8.15

**PERRY**

Arlington 5.00

Beaumont 23.75

Brewer 50.00

Good Hope 6.00

Indian Springs 14.15

Kennedy Memorial 5.00

New Augusta 22.10

Richton 238.33

Runnelsfown 8.54  
Seminary 5.00

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Bucatupna 44.93  
Clara First 27.94

Clear Creek 10.00  
Evergreen 7.00  
Mt. Zion 16.84  
Pleasant Grove 11.00  
Waynesboro 20.00  
State Line 26.20

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Bude 110.00

Concord 17.16

Eddiceton 26.27

Hopewell 25.58

Lucien 19.30

Meadville 105.00

Mt. Zion 30.00

New Hope 5.50

Ozion 16.68

Providence 28.50

Quinton 10.00

Roxie 71.15

Siloam 25.80

**JEFF DAVIS**

Antioch 19.20

Bassfield 33.16

Bethany 14.90

Carson 22.70

Dublin 36.15

Ebenezer 8.00

Hathorn 45.02

Hebron 35.00

Hepzibah 23.25

Oak Grove 26.05

Phalti 15.00

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Antioch 10.00

Calvary 31.80

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New Hebron 178.00

New Hope 23.00

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Thursday, June 16, 1955

## A Veteran Retires—

## Pearson Serves Macon Church 27 Years

The Rev. Robert D. Pearson,

66, pastor of the Macon First Baptist Church since August of 1927, has retired.

A dairy farmer in Oktibbeha county, Miss., when he surrendered to the call to preach, he was 32 at the time. He had been practicing pharmacy in a Starkville drug store but had resigned because of illness.

He is a native of Longview, and married the former Miss Willie Watt of that county.

Before entering Southwestern Seminary, he spent three years pastoring churches in four small towns in Central Mississippi. Later he served a field of rural churches at Longview, Sturgis and Bethesda, all in Oktibbeha county.

Two years later, in 1927, he accepted the Macon Church.

His work has borne fruit. Four years ago a modern three-story educational annex was erected and the membership is now pushing plans for air-conditioning the sanctuary, which was extensively redecorated last year.

Rev. Pearson's career has children.



R. D. Pearson

seen him serve for 21 years on the State Convention board, nine years on the board executive committee and Education Commission. He is now moderator of the Noxubee County Association and was named pastor emeritus of his Macon church upon his retirement.

Rev. and Mrs. Pearson have six

## Springfield (Scott) Dedicates Building



Springfield Church, Morton, dedicated its new church and parsonage in an all day service Sunday, June 12.

Dr. W. R. Cooper, Jackson, preached the morning sermon and Dr. Eugene I. Farr, Clinton, spoke at the 2 P. M. dedication service.

Dr. E. C. Williams, Rev. Grady Smith and Rev. Carey Rushing assisted in the dedication.

The church was organized 83 years ago and has contributed many outstanding leaders to the state.

Dr. W. R. Cooper is possibly the oldest living minister ordained by the church, and the latest to go out from Springfield is Mrs. Elton Moore, who sailed with her husband and son to Indonesia last fall.

The church began a full-time preaching program when it called Rev. F. V. McFatridge, present pastor, in February, 1954.

## Collins Accepts Booneville Post

Dr. Alvin O. Collins of Myrtle has accepted the call to the pastorate at the First Church, Booneville, to become effective on June 26.

Dr. Collins is a native Mississippian, with a B. A. Degree from Mississippi College. He also holds the B. D. and Doctor's Degrees from the Southern Seminary, Louisville.

For the past five years, Dr. Collins has been a chaplain in the U. S. Navy. Before entering the service, he was pastor at Pleasant Ridge, Ky.

Mrs. Collins is the former Miss Margaret Gordon of Owensboro, Ky. She was a Youth Director at Murray State College and Bowling Green College.

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

## 20 New Missionaries Bring Total to 1,002

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 young people for overseas service at its May meeting, bringing the total number of active missionaries to 1,002.

The Board has already appointed 64 missionaries this year as compared with 67 for the entire year of 1954. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, says the number of prospective candidates gives promise that the total for this year may go beyond 100.

## Scarborough Accepts Waynesboro Call

Rev. Ben Scarborough has been called to serve as minister of music and education in the First Church of Waynesboro, and has indicated his acceptance.

The Rev. Mr. Scarborough, now pastor of the Adairsville Church, Adairsville, Georgia, is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He will begin his work in Waynesboro the first of July.

Rev. E. F. Hicks is pastor.  
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## Hospital Fund Now \$252,910

Five more churches have reported to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Fund campaign which brings the total indicated participation to \$252,910. 238 churches have thus far reported.

In the Jackson-Hinds County phase of the \$1,000,000 campaign, hospital employees who have joined the staff since the close of the original solicitation came forward with signed pledge cards totaling \$592.

The five churches added to the list are: Rev. W. R. Prince, Wheeler Grove Church, Corinth; Rev. Kenneth Ball, Antioch Church, Leakesville; Rev. C. M. Day, Harlands Creek Church, Lexington; Rev. Leland Angell, Sturgis and Morgan Chapel Churches.

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## REV. JAMES SLAY

Rev. James L. Slay, retired Baptist minister who had been pastor of several churches in Mobile, Alabama and Biloxi, died of a heart attack at Mobile on June 8. He was 68.

He was driving home when he suffered the attack just west of Mobile. He was a native of Biloxi.

Mr. Slay is survived by five sons, two daughters, three brothers, and one sister.

Seven of the eight men appointed in May are leaving the pastorate to answer the urgent call for more missionary preachers on the mission fields. The other leaves an important denominational post.

In the group were Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell who gave themselves as part of their 1954 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. Dr. Halsell has his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has been pastor of the Popular Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., a church of 1,000 members, since January, 1951.

"It was here I felt I would spend my life in the growing of a great missionary church. But, during the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer last December, God made it clear to me that what he wanted of me was not so much a 'missionary' church, but a 'missionary'."

On December 9, last year, Dr. Cauthen received an air-mail, special-delivery letter from Pastor and Mrs. Halsell. Inside the envelope was one of the little red and white Lottie Moon Offering envelopes and a letter which said, "As a part of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions we offer ourselves."

"This May meeting of the Board is highly significant in that the number of missionaries under appointment has now passed the 1,000 mark," Dr. Cauthen said in presenting his report. "Arriving at this point makes the objective of a minimum staff of 1,750 toward which we are working seem much less remote."

"It is highly significant that many of these who are coming for appointment are leaving positions of responsibility in churches and denominational life to offer themselves for mission service. They are going to the fields with unusual preparation, not only from the standpoint of study, but also from experience."

## MAY APPOINTEES

Young people appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at its May meeting are:

William D. Bender, Kansas, and Novella Chism Bender, Kentucky, for Nigeria; P. A. Cline, Jr., North Carolina, and Georgia Smith Cline, Alabama, for Thailand; Ross C. Coggins and Doryce Lengefeld Coggins, both of Texas, for Indonesia; Eva Mae Eldridge, Tennessee, for Nigeria.

Thomas E. Halsell and Mary Elizabeth Tolson Halsell, both of Arkansas, for Brazil; Russell L. Locke, California, and Veda Williams Locke, Arkansas, for Nigeria; Pauline Martin, Tennessee, for Nigeria; Charles D.

Mullins and Sara Ruth Young Mullins, both of Alabama, for Hawaii.

Gordon E. Robinson, Oregon, and Maxine Williams Robinson, Texas, for Nigeria; Marian Sanders, South Carolina, for Mexico; Laura Frances Snow, North Carolina, for Chile; and E. Harvey Walworth, Illinois, and Martha Thomas Walworth, Alabama, for Mexico.

## 5,700 BAPTISMS IN NIGERIA

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, told of the recent meeting of the Nigerian Baptist Convention when more than 1,000 people from 401 Baptist churches of Nigeria gathered to give reports of their work and to make future plans. A record of 5,700 baptisms during the past year brought the membership of the churches to about 40,000. It is estimated, however, that more than 75,000 persons actually attend Baptist services in Nigeria each Sunday morning.

Dr. Sadler said 375,000 new pupils entered schools in the western division of Nigeria at the beginning of 1955. In order that these might be accommodated, Baptists alone have opened, during the current year, 150 new schools. "Perhaps never in the history of the missionary enterprise have Christian missions been presented with more glorious opportunities than those now offered in this part of Africa," he said.

## BRAZILIAN BAPTISTS EXPRESS SYMPATHY

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, said the May appointments bring the Latin American staff to more than 400 missionaries. Most of his report to the Board dealt with information on the recent deaths of three missionaries to Brazil. (They were Blomme H. Foreman, F. Raymond Richardson, and Mary Ruth Carney.)

Dr. Means read a communication from Dr. John Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, and president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, expressing "fraternal solidarity in this hour of suffering."

The message said: "If you loved them and felt bound to them by strong chains of love, know also that they were loved by their Brazilian Baptist brethren and were also bound to us by strong cords of love . . .

"In spite of the gaps left by their going, we know that our Heavenly Father is sufficient in his power to transform into benefits for those who love him the most adverse happenings and circumstances. This certainly alleviates us in such hours. . . . And may the Holy Spirit anoint other lives to fill the gaps left by those who have departed for their heavenly reward."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND  
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ATTENDANCE  
June 12, 1955

Jackson, Ridgecrest	329	118
Jackson, Broadmoor	442	160
Clinton	494	227
Jackson, Calvary	1525	447
Main School	1470	415
Mission	55	32
Jackson, West	362	157
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	718	317
Jackson, Van Winkle	567	313
Jackson, Highland	108	62
Jackson, Crestwood	664	450
Jackson, Parkway	1055	506
Jackson, First	1303	392
Springfield (Scott)	159	
Briar Hill (Rankin)	93	51
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	182	117
Pearl (Rankin)	191	115
Flowood	90	53
Richland (Rankin)	195	94
Brookhaven, Hamilton St.	150	78
Fair River (Lincoln)	114	80
Clarksdale, Riverside	315	114
Gillsburg	183	118
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	37	51
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	159	64
Jackson, Southside	314	129
Laurel, First	595	156
Clarksdale	436	170
Hattiesburg, Main Street	956	418
Cleveland, Immanuel	169	113
Calvary, Natchez	110	57
Brownsville, Beulah	90	88
Longview (Okfuskeeha)	87	62
Pascagoula, First	792	268
Main School	675	291
McArthur Chapel	42	18
Orange Grove Chapel	75	49
Gulfport, New Hope	155	48
Wayside (Yalobusha)	51	
New Albany, First	680	211
Main School	600	162
North Side Mission	80	49
Laurel, Harmony	191	59
Concord (Choctaw)	129	105
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	222	98
Hernando	161	64
Brookhaven, First	833	280
Main	695	181
Southway	100	68
Halbert Heights	38	31
Bluff Springs (Pike)	80	85
Ruth	65	54
Horn Lake	171	150
Kosciusko, First	736	236
Main School	704	
Maple Mission	32	
Bethlehem (Jones)	150	149
Vicksburg, First	594	190
Sallis	91	42
Laurel, Highland	221	122
Improve (Marien)	134	78
Stonewall	219	107
Lucedale	419	168
Purvis, First	265	67
Fulton, Trinity	86	54
Corinth, Tate St.	239	85
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	169	156

New Staff Members At Picayune, First



Rev. W. R. Gifford



Miss Bettye Jo Peeler

Rev. W. R. Gifford is the new Assistant Pastor of the First Church, Picayune. He is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkansas and the New Orleans Seminary, where he received the B.D. Degree. He served as pastor of the Pleasant Valley Church, Arkansas, and has done summer mission work

in Chicago with the Home Mission Board. While attending the Seminary, he served as Assistant Pastor of the Trinity Church of New Orleans. He and Mrs. Gifford have one daughter.

Seminary, Union, Sr. 107 99  
Hattiesburg, Temple 563 176  
Gulfport Heights 94 61  
Gulfport, First 847 280  
Laurel, Wildwood 181 65  
Friendship (Jackson) 100 74  
Oxford, North 191 117  
Calvary (Alcorn) 119 84  
Spanish Fort 40 23  
Laurel, Harmony 546 213  
Ellisville, West 155 83  
Long Beach, First 272 71  
Macedonia (Lincoln) 200 97  
Crystal Springs, First 627 198  
Brookhaven, Central 132 117  
Pilgrim's Rest  
    (Copiah) 90 54  
Biloxi, East Howard 248 147  
Charleston, First 392 141  
New Sight (Lincoln) 98 64  
Leesburg (Rankin) 347 100  
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Meridian,  
    Oakland Heights 280 107  
Meridian, Eastview 202 108  
Pelahatchie 161 67  
Bethel (Pearl River) 140 108  
Glenfield (Union Co.) 105 86  
Darling 100 50  
Crowder 218 115  
Marks, First 276 88  
Starkville, First 648 248  
Grenada, First 759 156  
Olive Branch 144 70  
Picayune, First 587 124  
McComb, Friendship 217 102  
Bay St. Louis, First 132 35  
Greenwood, Calvary 447 175  
Louisville, West End 92 72  
Amity (Chickasaw) 43 59  
Union, First 345 138  
Morton (Scott) 280 100  
Murphy Creek  
    (Winston) 112 85  
Calhoun City, First 343 136  
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There were 11 additions during the revival at the Roxie

Church, Rev. W. A. Green, pastor. Rev. M. Glen Smith, pastor Tate Street Church, Corinth was the evangelist, and Rev. Franklin Haire of Providence Church led the music.

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by prayer and fasting" :29  
Our text is 1, 4, 19, 20, 37, 38, 40 and 54 combined.

ACROSS

- 1 "And straightway . . . the people, when they beheld him" :15  
4 Circumstances  
10 "He answereth him, and . . ." :19  
12 A City of Benjamin I Chron. 8:12  
13 Fowl  
14 Happening  
15 Badger like mammal  
17 Low German (abbr.)  
19 Form of the verb "be"  
20 "nothing shall be im. . . unto you" Matt. 17:20  
24 Dysprosium (abbr.)  
26 "and . . . th away" :18  
27 Near (abbr.)  
29 General Staff (abbr.)  
31 "came out . . . him" :26  
32 Suffix of nouns or participles  
33 Golf mound  
34 Hectoliter (abbr.)  
35 Center (abbr.)  
36 Arnold (abbr.)  
37 "and I spake . . . thy disciples" :18  
38 "oftimes it hath cast . . . into the fire" :22  
40 ". . . they should cast him out" :18  
41 "Why could not . . . cast him out" :28  
42 Friar  
44 Dine  
45 "Because of . . . unbelief" Matt. 17:20  
46 Timber tree of South America  
48 "If . . . have faith" Matt. 17:20  
50 "he saw a . . . multitude about them" :14  
53 "and he fell . . . the ground" :20  
54 hath faith in  
55 "enter . . . more into him" :25

DOWN

1 Associate in Arts (abbr.)  
2 "and . . . him up" :27  
3 Lieutenant (abbr.)  
5 Garden tool  
6 Hotel  
7 "can come forth by . . . but

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# Children's Page

## Little Carpenter



Illustrated by Cliff Johnston

By ELORENCE EAKMAN

Bang! Bang! Bang! Pound, Pound! Pound! Teddy ran out of the house. He ran into the yard.

Teddy's grandfather was mending the fence. Grandfather was good at mending fences.

"May I help you, Grandfather?"

"You may," said Grandfather. "I need a helper. Hand me a nail please." Teddy handed a nail to his grandfather. One by one he handed more nails as Grandfather needed them.

"I wish I could hammer," he said. "It would be fun to hammer nails."

"I will show you how," said Grandfather. "Push the nail against the board and hammer the nail. There, that was a fine job, Teddy."

Teddy and Grandfather worked on the fence until there were no more nails to hammer. Not one nail, more.

"I must go to the store and buy some nails," said Grandfather. "Would you like to come with me, Teddy?"

Teddy and his grandfather walked to the store.

It was a hardware store. Hardware stores sell nails and hammers.

There were hammers in the window.

There was one in a red box. It was a very nice hammer.

Teddy looked at the hammer

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in the red box through the window.

The hammer had a mark on it.

Teddy read the mark to his grandfather.

"Two-dot-two-five. What does the mark say, Grandfather?"

"That is a sales tag, Teddy. It tells the price of the hammer: Two dollars, two dimes, and five pennies."

"Oh!" said Teddy. "That's too much for a hammer."

"Not for a good one," said Grandfather. "Would you like that hammer?"

"I certainly would like it, Grandfather, but it costs too much money."

"If you will help me every Saturday you can earn the hammer, Teddy. When you have earned it, it will be yours to keep. How would you like to do that?"

"Oh, I would like very much to help you," said Teddy.

"Good! To do good work we need good tools, and that is a good hammer. We will buy it right now," said Grandfather.

Grandfather gave the man in the store two dollars and two dimes and five pennies, to pay for the hammer. He took the hammer home with him to keep until Teddy had worked long enough to earn it.

Teddy helped his grandfather every Saturday.

Then one Saturday Grandfather asked Teddy to eat lunch with him.

After lunch Grandfather said, "You are a good helper, Teddy. I have something for you. Here it is!"

He gave Teddy a box. It was a large box. Teddy knew what was in it. It was the box he had seen at the hardware store.

Teddy opened the box. In it was the hammer. But that was not all. There were a box of nails, and a saw in the box.

"Oh!" said Teddy. "Oh! Oh! Thank you, Grandfather."

"You earned the hammer," said Grandfather. "You are a good helper."

Teddy had earned his hammer and his nails and his saw. They were his very own to keep. He was one happy little boy!

"Now I can help you all the time, Grandfather," he cried.

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**Let's make  
WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT**  
a church night  
for the  
whole family!

### MY DADDY

By Solveig Paulson Russell  
Do you know who can fix a kite  
And throw a ball real fast?  
Do you know who can build  
things  
So strong they last and last?  
My Daddy.

Do you know who can catch a  
fish  
With hardly any bait,  
And when I've lost a sock or  
shoe  
Can always find the mate?  
My Daddy.

Do you know who tells me how  
To always do things right,  
And who I always ask that God  
Will especially bless each  
night?  
My Daddy.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 20 — Intermediate G. A. Camp, Garaywa; Mrs. Hettye Barber Rogers, William Carey College faculty.

June 21 — Mrs. F. H. Hammond, Riverside Association; W. M. U. Supt.; Albert Johnson, Itawamba Associational Training Union Director.

June 22 — C. B. Hamlett, III, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.

June 23 — W. W. Herrin, Trustee, Clarke College; Mrs. George Nichols, Copiah Associational Music Director.

June 24 — Anne Washburn, Baptist Building; Joe Mar Ables, Deer Creek Associational Brotherhood President.

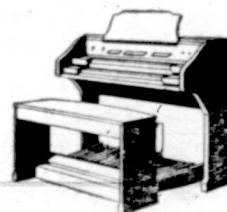
June 25 — Rev. John Laney, Lafayette Associational Missionary; Jewel Hannah, BSU Director, William Carey College.

June 26 — Rev. F. V. Brown, Benton Associational Chairman of Evangelism; E. O. Spencer, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

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### Alexander Memorial Has Homecoming

Alexander Memorial Church, James, observed its annual Homecoming Day on May 29.

Services were held at 10:00 A. M. with Rev. Burrell of Bazoni, a former pastor, delivering the sermon. Dinner was served picnic style, after which at 3:00 p. m. a baptismal service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Canady.

## Sunday School Lesson

By DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

### June 19 JOSIAH KEEPS THE PASSOVER

Bible Texts: II Chronicles 35, II Kings 23.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Great old Sam Jones, prominent evangelist of an earlier day, is quoted as having said again and again, "Quit your meanness, join the church, and do good." Of course a genuinely converted man will quit his meanness. If you could transmute a hog into a sheep, he would no longer wallow in the mud. If the saving grace of the living God changes a child of the devil into a child of the King of kings, that child will no longer willingly play the role of a child of the devil.

Of course a child of God ought to join the church! The church of our Lord is the gathering of the redeemed of the Lord. It is unto the churches that our Lord most often manifests Himself in saving and teaching and consoling and preserving grace.

It is through His churches that the Lord does His gracious work. The Lord builds His churches and through His churches everything else He builds. He did not say He would build a hospital or an orphanage or even Mississippi College; but He did say, "I will build my church." It is through His churches that He ordained the salvation of the lost; and we must not get away from this: Evangelism is given in stewardship to the churches. Of course a child of God will

do good. That is the purpose of His redemption. The Lord did not redeem the Christian primarily to keep him out of hell or primarily to take him to heaven; but the primary purpose of the redeemer in his work of redemption was to make something worthwhile of a man or a woman who was otherwise of no account, or worse, of less than no account. From beings who did evil, thought evil, spoke evil, continually to make of them beings who continually thought and spoke did good.

But there is one supposition on the basis of which this whole motto: "Quit your meanness, join the church, and do good," is very misleading. The individual who subjects himself to outward, formal reformation of any and every variety does a vain thing if he has experienced no inward change through the gracious process of the new birth.

#### I. THE MEANING OF WORSHIP

When do we worship? We gather in a circle for a period of devotion, or we go into the sanctuary with a vast congregation, and there we sing and pray and listen to preaching. We may be worshiping, and again we may not be. It all depends upon the spirit in which we do it, the attitude of the soul toward God. The forms of worship may all be observed without one moment of worship from the opening song to the benediction. We must answer this question, "Do we discern the Lord? are we conscious of His presence?" We worship when we are conscious of the presence of God.

I clasp in my hands the back of a chair and I am physically conscious of the presence of that chair. I lift the hands of my heart and feel upon them the clasp of the hands of God and I am conscious of the reality and presence of His spirit. Or I open the door of my soul to Him and beseech Him expectantly to enter; I become in this moment of silent expectancy conscious of His presence. To be conscious of the presence of God and to bow in humility to that presence, this is to worship God. And this, believe me, my brethren, is by all odds the most important thing that mortal man can do. To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. This war-weary world will be saved from political chaos and utter collapse and complete destruction by one thing only, the worship of God.

#### II. JOSIAH MAKES

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## Griffith Memorial Calls Ass't Pastor



Rev. W. Byron Jay

Griffith Memorial Church welcomes Rev. W. Byron Jay as Associate Pastor and Director of Music. He comes to Jackson from Central Church, Mobile, Alabama, where he served in a similar position.

Mr. Jay was formerly with Griffith Church as Director of Music and Youth Activities, during which time he was ordained to the ministry. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and a native of Mobile, Alabama.

dictating this lesson to my fine young secretary. We could stop right now and worship. True! You could be sitting in the living room of your home, riding a tractor in your field, washing dishes in your kitchen, mowing your lawn, and stopping whatever you are doing, worship. True! But you and I will worship most effectively when we set aside a time for that purpose. The Christian world has appointed a time for worship, the first day of the week, most appropriately called The Lord's day.

(2) He appointed a place. That place was the temple. Most of us have an appointed place; the appointed place is the house in which the Church meets. We call it the church because it is the meeting house of the Church which is His body, a body formed of his redeemed people, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

(3) He prepared a service. He no doubt prepared this service with instructions handed down to him from a former generation. Those who prepare our worship service should be in a frame of mind very sensitive to the directions of the Holy Spirit.

(4) Josiah got rid of the things that hindered. He broke down the idols, he chopped down the groves of Ashera, he silenced the false priest, he cleansed the temple of the relics of idolatry and rededicated its altars to the worship of Jehovah. We spiritually break down every idol, cast out every

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10:55	REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS
4:05	INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL
7:05	YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOURNAMENT

foe to the entrance of the grace of God. To worship the Lord at all it is necessary that the whole of us, I mean the whole of the heart and soul and mind and strength, shall be devoted to this one object and anything less will vitiate all effort otherwise to worship. III. JOSIAH CAUSED THE PEOPLE TO WORSHIP Now, it is all very well to make preparation to worship, nor will we nor can we worship without this preparation. We commonly speak of rendering to the Lord acceptable worship. May I dare to say that worship which is not "acceptable" is not worship, but a solemn mockery in the sight of God. So when all preparation to worship is complete, let us worship.

What were the fruits of that worship? For days there were

IT TAKES THIS,  
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TAKES A VISIT!

**May To Lead  
Ridgeland Meet**



Vernon May

The Ridgeland Church will hold a series of revival services June 20-26. Rev. Vernon May, pastor of Tylertown Church will be the Evangelist.

Mr. Charles Bacon will be the singer, and Miss Shirley Ruth Meek pianist. Rev. Lynton R. Cooper is pastor.

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**Joins McComb Staff**



Rev. John W. Flowers

Rev. John W. Flowers began his ministry as Associate Pastor and Educational Director of The First Church, McComb, on June 1.

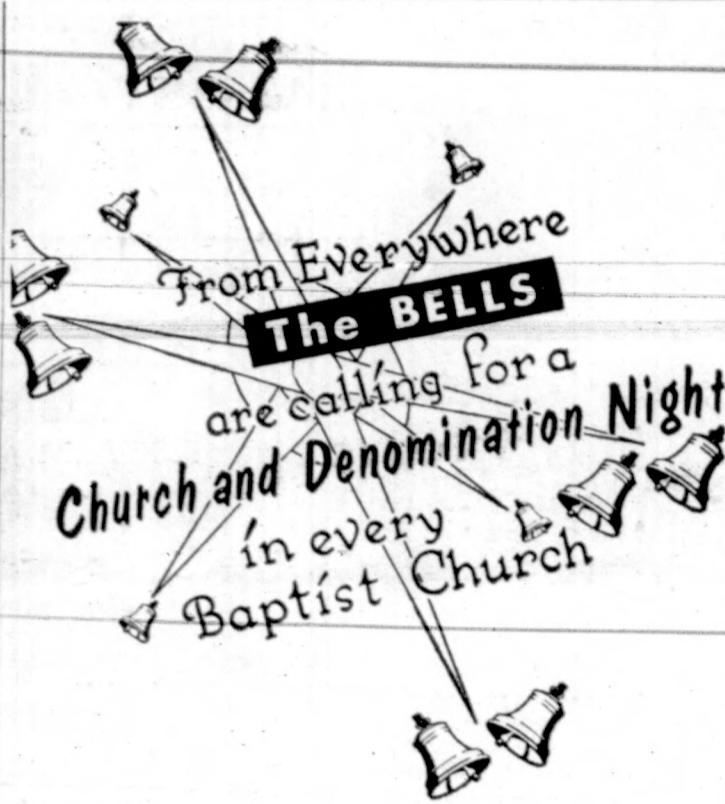
Mr. Flowers is a native of Pike County. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds two degrees from The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has chosen the field of Religious Education for his major emphasis. He has come to McComb with the highest commendation of his teachers and fellow class mates.

For the past seven years he has pastored The Shady Grove Church in Lincoln county, where he led in the building of a new church and parsonage.

Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter is pastor of First Church at McComb.

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**Daily Bible  
Readings bring strength**



**Gallman Suggests Answer To  
Interdenominational Training**

By DR. LEE GALLMAN

A great deal has been written about the inter-denominational (properly called non-denominational) Bible schools and their relation to Southern Baptists. What concerns this writer most is the relation of Baptist preachers and Sunday School officers and teachers to the non-denominational schools and extension centers. It would surprise the average Baptist to know how many Baptist people are now enrolled in these non-denominational schools.

Some schools which purport to be Baptist must be classified as non-denominational. There are several of these over the south. Such groups play into the hands of the non-denominationalists, usually unite with the extreme elements of church unionism, and in general must be classified as non-denominationalists.

It would, perhaps, split a church to forbid the leaders to participate in this movement. Many would quit the church before they would quit the Bible class. What is the answer? Some have felt that we need to establish more institutions of the same sort but Baptist in character. There is a better answer near at hand—the extension of our already standized institutions.

Our people are being led astray because they have not been orientated into Baptist teachings. They have not been given an opportunity to learn the facts about the Bible, Christian education, and theology. Our colleges and seminaries are pointing in the right direction for Baptist people, but it is hardly probable that enough college and seminary extension centers could be set up, using college and seminary professors to do

the teaching, to satisfy the needs. In addition to this, there are restrictions on the number of hours which the associations of accreditation permit college and seminary professors to teach.

But the colleges and the seminaries have graduates in the field who are not only capable of teaching, but in addition are able to explain, through their experience, problems which are confronted by those who have a hunger for knowledge. A program which reflects the spirit of learning in these standard institutions is very much needed among preachers and the lay folk of our churches. Those who would study the Bible ought not to have to turn to non-denominational training schools. They ought to be introduced to the Word of God in its historical setting. Only then can they get a true perspective of that which Baptists call "The Authoritative Book."

The extension centers offer guidance in the preparation and delivery of sermons, pastoral leadership and growing a church through its organizations. The Seminary Extension Department and the college extension departments offer to Baptists an approach which can be kept in the hands of Baptist leadership. Qualified teachers can offer studies in subject matter that has stood the test of time.

If the senior Baptist college in a state does not offer extension study, this Department will help. Where there is not a sufficient number to initiate class study, individuals can study by mail. There are over 3,000 now enrolled in the Seminary Extension Department and our Baptist college extension programs have about 4,000.

**The Church That  
Witnessing Built**

By DR. W. R. PETTIGREW  
Pastor Walnut Street Baptist  
Church, Louisville, Ky.

(Editor's Note: For almost nine years Dr. Pettigrew has led the historic Walnut Street Church in a perennial evangelism campaign. This article first appeared in Fishers of Men and is reproduced by permission of the editor, Rev. Peter Cullom.)

**HOW GOD OPENED HIS EYES  
TO THE IMPORTANCE OF  
PERSONAL EVANGELISM**

"I became a personal soul winner in a sort of cataclysmic experience," explains this 54 year old, slightly balding pastor. He was in his first pastorate and things were not going too well. And then it happened.

"I have done it again," said a young deacon bursting into his office.

"Done what?" asked the astonished preacher.

"Sold three policies this week, for the tenth time."

"How did you do it?"

"Well, I have something people need. I figure if I present my proposition to enough people in a week, I will get three names on the dotted line."

This was God's method of bringing home to the young preacher that he too had a good proposition that should be presented to individuals. "When the deacon was gone," declared Dr. Pettigrew, "I slipped from my chair to my knees. Confessions rolled out. I had expected people to come to me. I had ignored God's command to go into the byways and hedges."

"God forgave me," says Dr. Pettigrew, "and I promised Him that I would never consider myself ready for Lord's day unless I had done my best to lead someone to the Saviour during the week." The experience happened twenty years ago but this pastor says that only three Sundays have passed that someone did not respond to the invitation to come forward at the close of service.

**GOD BLESSES HIS TWO-FOLD EVANGELISM PLAN**

For many years Walnut Street has been noted as a personal evangelism church. In twenty-two years of its history—from 1919 to 1941—they did not have

one protracted meeting. A revival was going on twelve months in each year. And the perennial revival is still going on.

**THE CHURCH THAT DARES  
TO BE DIFFERENT**

Members of the average church would throw up their hands in "holy horror" at the thought of not having a Sunday school class at the Sunday school hour or a training union organization an hour before the evening service. This is not true at Walnut Street.

One of the most faithful members, an ardent personal worker, helped to spark their present training and visitation evangelism plan with the statement, "Why should I spend my whole life training instead of working at the thing a church member should do?"

**A DEFINITE TRAINING AND  
WITNESSING PROGRAM**

Here is an example of the way the plan works: A woman of French descent was interested in becoming a Christian. She went to a "nominal" church member who was at a loss to know what to tell her. But she took the interested woman to another member who had finished the personal evangelism training course. This woman explained the plan of salvation and led this spiritually hungry seeker to the Throne of Grace. In this particular case, the first woman became ashamed of herself and joined the class.

For three months 30 or 40 church members come to the church an hour before the Sunday evening preaching service. Those who have children send them to their organizations. These members put in an hour of intensive study on how to witness. When members graduate from this class they continue coming to the church an hour early. After the group meets for a few minutes of prayer, the hour is spent visiting and witnessing to lost individuals whose names are supplied by the church.

**THE JOY OF WITNESSING**

"But it is not only a visitation evangelism campaign," declared Dr. Bruce Underwood. "They take advantage of their opportunities to witness that present themselves daily."

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**THE BAPTIST RECORD  
KEEPSS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.**



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at First Church, Marks. Dr. I. D. Eavenson is the pastor.